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CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: JANUARY 3, 2007

DEPARTMENT: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Report on the status of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC) Committee on Homelessness (CoH) regional effort – All Wards

The SNRPC created the Committee on Homelessness (CoH) to address regional homeless issues. All jurisdictions are required to contribute to the CoH regional budget based on population. The city of Las Vegas contributed \$244,680 for FY 2005-2006 and \$ 276,760 for FY 2006-2007.

The CoH projects include:

- Implementation of the region's ten point plan
- Inclement weather shelters - provided for homeless persons during extreme hot or cold weather conditions
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) - a HUD mandated system designed to track services provided to homeless individuals in an effort to avoid duplication of services and improve the coordination efforts of service providers
- Homeless Street And Shelter Count - mandated by HUD to count the number of homeless persons at a certain point in time
- Public Awareness Campaign - the goal is to educate the community regarding the issue of homelessness with the result being a mobilized community will around homelessness and promotion of community and corporate investment into the Homeless Trust Fund. PSAs and the website, helphomehome.org, have been developed
- AB580 Funds - a \$4 million biennium granted by the state legislature to address homelessness in the southern region through the provision of services. This has provided funding for several capital projects and programs (called Transition from Homeless)